

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Cannuscio on 5/9/2008.
3. The application has been amended as follows:
 - a. Claim 22 has been cancelled.
 - b. The limitation "wherein at least one end of the roller cartridge is provided with a moveable plate comprising at least one cut-out portion, the at least one cut-out portion defining a cartridge cam surface adapted to receive a bearing axle of said adhesive roller; " has been added before the phrase : "wherein a cam surface" in line 6 of claim 19.
 - c. The dependency of claims 23-25 has been changed from claim 22 to claim 19.
 - d. All occurrences of the term "the or each" in line 1 claims 26 and 27 and line 2 of claims 30 and 31 has been changed to "the at least one".
 - e. The word "Surface" in line 1 of claim 19 has been replaced by "A surface".
 - f. The word "Surface" in line 1 of claims 20, 21 and 23-36 has been replaced by "The surface".

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record (considered as a whole) neither anticipates nor renders obvious a surface cleaning apparatus having a roller cartridge with an adhesive roller, wherein at least one end of the roller cartridge is provided with a moveable plate comprising at least one cut-out portion, the at least one cut-out portion defining a cartridge cam surface adapted to receive a bearing axle of said adhesive roller in combination with the rest of the limitations set forth in the independent claim.

5. The Kennett et al. (EP 214741 A2), Korbonski et al. (5,349,714 and 6,200,392) and Liatard et al. (6,285,845) are considered to be the closest prior art of record. However, none of the above cited references disclose the cartridge having a movable plate with a cut-out and cartridge cam surface thereon. Thus, the claimed invention, as amended above, is considered to be allowable over the prior art.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRYAN R. MULLER whose telephone number is

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail III can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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